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- 1. AFTER INFORMAL SOUNDINGS WITH OTHER AGENCIES WE ARE GOING AHEAD TO SEEK SPEEDY AUTHORITY FOR YOU TO OPEN TALKS FOR 50,000 TONS WHEAT IN FY 77. TERMS WOULD BE STANDARD AS IN EARLIER AGREEMENTS INCLUDING 40 YEARS BUT WOULD BE FOB U.S. PORT. WE REALIZE THIS MAY CAUSE YOU DIFFICULTIES BUT THERE SIMPLY IS NO CASE TO TREAT AFGHANISTAN DIFFERENTLY THAN ANY OTHER COUNTRY IN THE WORLD INCLUDING OTHER LANDLOCKED AND LEAST DEVELOPED NATIONS. MOREOVER, THE COMING WEEKS ARE NOT THE TIME TO APPROACH THE GOP WITH RESPECT TO USE OF RUPEES.
- 2. WE CANNOT MAKE ANY COMMITMENT FOR FY 78 BUT DO NOT ANTI-SECRET

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CIPATE ANY DIFFICULTIES FOR ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS IF YOU CAN DEMONSTRATE ADDITIONAL NEED AND THE FY NEGOTIATIONS AND SHIPMENT GO WELL.

- 3. AID STILL NEEDS YOUR THOUGHTS ON SELF HELP.
- 4. PLEASE DO NOT DISCUSS WITH GOA PENDING INSTRUCTIONS. VANCE

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